ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir. According to the information received from Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), out of the grant received from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund by the IRCS for relief work in connection with the earthquake in Maharashtra on 30.9.1993, a sum of Rs. 38,25,614/- was paid to the Ministry of Defence after keeping the Prime Minister's Office informed. A further bill of Rs. 1,13,566 was paid in September, 1995 Rs. 9.58,084 was paid to Government Medical Stores towards cost of medicines. It is not correct to say that a further amount of Rs. 50,00 lakhs was paid from Red Cross Funds for the purpose of Ministry of Health.

(b) The payments referred to in part (a) above will not impair the financial health of IRCS.

(c) The IRCS has informed that the amount of Rs. 38,25,614/- to the Ministry of Defence and Rs. 9,58,084/- paid to the Government Medical Stores was duly approved by the Disaster Relief Committee and thereafter by the Managing Body of IRCS. The payment of Rs. 1,13,566/- paid for airlifting charges will be placed before next meeting of the Managing Body of the IRCS for approval.

Functioning of Cement Plants in Orissa

455. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cement plants set up in Orissa since 1985;

(b) whether some of these plants have been closed down or are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the reasons for the closure of those cement plants; and

(d) the number of workers engaged in those plants who are likely to be affected on the closure of those plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) There are 3 large cement plants in Orissa out of which one was set up after 1985. The data regarding mini cement plants is not maintained Centrally.

(b) None of these three plants is reported to have been closed down or being on the verge of closure.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Delhi Land Reforms Act

456. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 466 and Unstarred Question 4363 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry committee has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that inquiry committee has not yet submitted its report; and

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Adverse effect on operation of Indian Navy

457. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the training and operational task in the Indian Navy particularly relation to operation of air squadrons in naval-air statins has been adversely affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No. Sir. The training and operational readiness of Air Squadrons in the Indian Navy have been generally statis factory. Only one squadron of helicopters has not been fully activated due to non-availability of spares.

(c) With the new found assess to the Original equipment Manufacturers (OEMS), there has been improvement in the availability of spares.

IRCs Regional Warehouses

458. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IRCS Regional Warehouse at Guwahati built at a cost of over Rs. Thirty lakhs on over fifty acres of land is neither used nor maintained and the whole investment has been rendered wasteful;

(b) whether Bombay and Viramgam (Gujarat) warehouses of IRCS built at acost of over eighty lakhs are facing the same fate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the built up areas in sq. ft., in (a) and (b) above;

(e) what part of the total space is used for Red Cross purposes during the last five years; and

(f) in what manner the remaining space is being utilised now?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (f) According to information reveicved from the Indian Red Cross Society, they have constructed warchouse in Bombay, Viramagam and Guwahati under the "Predisaster Preparedness Plan". The action plan for these warehouses has been formulated by the Society. The Society hs taken formal possession of warehouses at Viramgam and Guwahati from the respective P.W.D. authorities.

The formalities for taking over the warehouse in Bombay have been completed by the Society and possession will be taken shortly. Necessary repairs are being carried out there. Efforts are on to post the required manpower to run the warehouses.

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459. श्री रामजी लाल: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि हरियाणा में नई रेल लाइन केवल न के बराबर ही बनी है;

(ख) इस वर्ष राज्य में कितनी रेल लाईन बिछाई जाएगी; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में हिसार जिले को ध्यान में रखेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाडी): (क) हरियाणा राज्य की स्थापना होने से लेकर अब तक 80.30 कि०मी० रेल लाइनें बिछाई गई हैं।

(ख) कोई नहीं।

(ग) हिसार बड़ी लाइन द्वारा भटिंडा, भिवानी, रेवाड़ी, दिल्ली, जाखल धुरी तथा लुधियाना स्थानों से भली-भांति जुड़ा है। यह बीकानेर, सादुलपुर मीटर लाइनों तथा उत्तर रेल में मीटर लाइन नेटवर्क से भी जुड़ा हुआ है।